

GOLD

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CHAPTER IX.

We Compare Notes.

WE found McGlynn in line about a block down the street. When he saw me coming he pulled a fat buckskin bag from his breeches pocket, opened its mouth and shook a quantity of its contents by guess into the palm of his hand.

"There you are," said he; "that's near enough. I'm a pretty good guesser. I hope you took care of the mules all right. You ought to, you're from a farm."

"I fixed 'em," said he; "that's near enough. I'm a pretty good guesser. I hope you took care of the mules all right. You ought to, you're from a farm."

"And the mud? How many times did you get stuck?"

"Not at all."

"He looked at me with surprise."

"Would you think of that now?" said he. "You must have loaded her light."

"I did."

"Did you get all the goods over?"

"Yes."

"Well, I'll acknowledge you're a judgmental young man, and if you want a job with me I'll let that lawyer go I spoke to the judge about. He handed it to me then, didn't he?"

He laughed heartily. "No? Well, you're right. A man's a fool to work for any one but himself. Where's your bag? Haven't any? How do you carry your dust? Haven't any? I forgot; you're a tenderfoot, of course."

He opened his buckskin sack with his teeth, and poured back the gold from the palm of his hand. Then he searched for a moment in all his pockets and produced a most peculiar chunk of gold metal. It was nearly as thick as it was wide, shaped roughly into an octagon, and stamped with initials. This he handed to me.

"It's about a fifty dollar slug," said he; "you can get it weighed. Give me the change next time you see me."

"But I may leave for the mines tomorrow," I objected.

"Then leave the change with Jim Ricket of the El Dorado."

"How do you know I'll leave it?" I asked curiously.

"I don't," replied McGlynn bluntly. "But if you need \$25 worse than you do a decent conscience then John A. McGlynn isn't the man to deny you!"

Johnny and I left for the hotel.

"I didn't know you expected any mail," said I.

"I don't."

"But thought I saw you in line!"

"Oh, yes! When I saw the mail sacks it struck me that there might be quite a crowd; so I came up as quickly as I could and got in line. There were a number before me, but I got a place pretty well up in front. Sold the place for \$5, and only had to stand there about an hour at that."

"Good head!" I admired. "I'd never have thought of it. How have you gotten on?"

"Pretty rotten," confessed Johnny. "I tried all morning to find a decent opportunity to do something or deal in something, and then I got mad and plunged in for old jobs. I've been a regular errand boy. I made \$2 carrying a man's bag up from the ship."

"How much all told?"

"Fifteen. I suppose you've got your slice."

"That twenty-five you saw me get is the size of it."

Johnny brightened. We moved up closer in a new intimacy and sense of comradeship over delinquency. It relieved both to feel that the other, too, had failed. To enter the Plaza we had to pass one of the larger of the gambling places.

"I'm going in here," said Johnny suddenly.

He swung through the open doors, and I followed him.

The place was comparatively deserted, owing probably to the distribution of mail. We had full space to look about us, and I was never more astonished in my life. The outside of the building was rough and unadorned as a barn, having nothing but size to attract or recommend. The interior was the height of lavish luxury. A polished mahogany bar ran down one side, backed by huge gilt framed mirrors before which were pyramided fine glasses and bottles of liquor. The rest of the wall space was thickly hung with more plate mirrors, dozens of well executed oil paintings and strips of tapestry. At one end was a small raised stage on which stood a half dozen darkies with banjos and tambourines. The floor was covered with a thick velvet carpet. Easy chairs, some of them leather upholstered, stood about in every available corner.

The game was roulette. Johnny and the dealer evidently recognized each other, for a flash of the eye passed between them, but they gave no other sign. Johnny studied the board a moment, then laid \$22 in coin on one of the numbers. The other players laid out small bags of gold dust. The wheel spun and the ball rolled. Two of the men lost. Their dust was emptied into a drawer beneath the table

and the bags tossed back to them. The third had won. The dealer deftly estimated the weight of his bet, lifting it in the flat of his left hand, then spun several gold pieces toward the winner. He seemed quite satisfied. The gambler stacked a roll of twenty dollar pieces, added one to them and thrust them at Johnny. I had not realized that the astounding luck of winning off a single number had befallen him.

"Ten to one—\$220!" he muttered to me.

The other three players were laying their bets for the next turn of the wheel. Johnny swept the gold pieces into his pocket and laid back the original stake against even. He lost. Thereupon he promptly arose and left the building.

I followed him to the hotel somewhat gloomily, for I was now the only member of our party who had not made good the agreed amount of the partnership. It is significant that never for a moment did either Johnny or myself doubt that Talbot would have the required sum. Johnny, his spirits quite recovered, whistled like a lark.

We arrived just in time for the first supper call and found Talbot and Yank awaiting us. Yank was as cool and tactful and nodded to us as indifferently as ever. Talbot, however, was full of excitement. His bluish brown complexion had darkened and flushed until he was almost Spanish black, and the little devils in his eyes led a merry dance between the surface and unguessed depths. He was also exceedingly voluble and, as usual when in that mood, aggravatingly indirect. He joked and teased and carried on like a small boy and insisted on ordering an elaborate dinner and a bottle of champagne in the face of even

luck, like Johnny's. "I don't see much show of beating that unless a man settled down to stay here."

Talbot stared at me ruminatively until I began to get restive; then he withdrew his eyes. He made no comment.

"I suppose you have your money," suggested Yank to him after a pause.

"Oh, yes," said Talbot as though awaking from profound reverie.

"Well, tell us about it. How did you get it? How long did it take you?"

"About half an hour. I figured that everybody in a place like this would be wanting news. So I sorted out that bundle of old newspapers you fellows were always laughing at, and I went out and sold them."

"How much did you get for them?" asked Johnny.

"A dollar apiece for most and 50 cents for the rest. I came out \$270 ahead all told. That, with Frank's and my \$10, gave me \$300 above the necessary amount."

Johnny arose and kicked himself solemnly.

"For not guessing what newspapers were good for," he explained. "Go on! What next? What did you do with the rest of the day?"

(Continued next Tuesday.)

MOOSE

CONVENTION WILL NOT BE HELD
AS PLANNED—PARKER MAKES
ANNOUNCEMENT.

New Orleans, July 29—John M. Parker, vice presidential nominee of the Progressive party, announced late today that a conference of the party leaders had been called to meet in Indianapolis, Aug. 3, to decide what course it was advisable for members of the party to follow.

Because of this action, Mr. Parker said, the Progressive national convention which he proposed should be held in Chicago on Aug. 5, will be abandoned, at least for that date and place.

MORE DEADLY

THAN LIQUID FLAME, BOMB IS
TRIED OUT

Everything Combustible in 6,000
Square Feet Destroyed in Initial
Tests Near Washington

Washington, July 28—Tests were made today near Washington, in the presence of an officer of the ordnance bureau of the war department, of a new incendiary bomb, which is said to be more potent in destruction than the liquid flame used in Europe.

Two tests were made, one as if the bomb had been dropped from an aeroplane and the other with a planted bomb set with a tiny fuse. On explosion every combustible thing within an area of more than 6,000 square feet was destroyed.

It is claimed that men could not save themselves from these bombs because the action of the fire is instantaneous. This claim was confirmed by the members of congress who witnessed the tests.

ARM SCALDED

West Side Lady Stumbles Into Tub Of
Boiling Water—Burns Severe

Mrs. Sheldon Brown, who resides in the west end, received a badly scalded arm Friday evening when she slipped and fell into a tub of boiling water.

A few minutes before the accident, Mrs. Brown had filled the tub with boiling water and left it on the floor in her kitchen. When she fell she thrust her left arm into the water up to the elbow. The arm was severely scalded. A physician dressed the burns.

Mrs. Fred Sanderson and two children left Friday for their home in Pittsburgh, Pa., after a several weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Chase.

Mr. and Mrs. William Utery returned Friday to their home in Howard after spending several days on a motor trip to Chillicothe and other cities in the southern portion of Ohio.

Miss Ruth Nixon returned Friday from Wooster where she has been attending the summer school at Wooster university.

Mrs. Edward Ashbaugh of Centerville spent Saturday in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bostwick of South Gay street.

Jesus Walker of this city went to Brinkhaven Saturday to spend the week-end in camp with friends.

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MT. VERNON POST OFFICE

Building Under Federal Omnibus Provisions

To Be Of Standardized Design And Construction

Conforming To Law Creating A New Bureau

Which Shall Supervise All Public Buildings

Factory Or Block Type Of Structure Is Specified

Under the provisions of the omnibus federal building bill, which provides for a post office building for Mount Vernon and makes an appropriation of \$70,000 for same, a change is made from the plan heretofore in existence under the law applying to public buildings of the United States.

The office of supervising architect of the treasury is abolished and there is established in the treasury department a bureau designated as the bureau of public buildings. At the head of the bureau is an officer designated as commissioner of public buildings, who must be a skilled architect. He is appointed by the president. The bureau is to be conducted by a committee of three persons, the commissioner of public buildings being chairman and the other two members are to be appointed by the secretary of the treasury from the force of the bureau of public buildings.

The bureau of public buildings is to have jurisdiction over and the control of the selection of all sites for public buildings as may be authorized by congress, the drafting of plans and specifications for all public buildings, the supervision of the construction of buildings, and in fact jurisdiction over and control of the entire matter of the construction of federal buildings until the same shall have been completed. The bureau also shall have the custody, care and maintenance of all completed federal buildings.

The commissioner of public buildings shall divide the states and territories of the United States into not less than six nor more than twelve groups in such manner as to have states and territories of similar topography and climate as near as may be in the same group. He shall likewise divide the towns and cities of each group which contain no federal activity other than a postoffice into five classes according to the postal receipts. Mount Vernon will be in the second class, in which the postal receipts are between \$25,000 and \$40,000 annually.

After the groups and classes have been made, it shall be the duty of the commissioner of public buildings to standardize all public buildings authorized for any of the cities and towns included in such classes; that is to say, that whenever plans and specifications are drawn for a building to be constructed at a city or town included in any of the classes stated, such plans and specifications shall be used for buildings which may be authorized at any other cities or towns of the same group and in the same class.

In the purchase of sites for federal buildings it shall be the duty of the bureau of public buildings in each case to provide for the purchase of sufficient lands so that the building may be enlarged from time to time as the needs of the service may require. Owners or agents of sites in each case where a site is proposed to be purchased, are required to submit offers for sale of their sites in writing. Proposals for the sale of land suitable for sites shall be invited by public advertisement. Proposals made in response to the advertisement will be taken up by the commissioner of public buildings and all sites proposed shall be inspected by the field force of the bureau and a written report on them made to the bureau together with a recommendation. After the purchase of a site the commissioner of public buildings shall advertise for bids for the construction of the building, and

in the advertisement shall ask for at least three separate bids, involving the use of three kinds of materials, and one of these shall involve the use of local material, should there be suitable building material for such purpose within the state.

In the construction of buildings at cities where there are no federal activities other than the post office and the civil service to be housed, it shall be the duty of the bureau of public buildings to construct in all such cases a factory or block type of building in such manner that the same may be added to and enlarged as the needs of the government may require.

GUN SHOOT

HONORS ROMPED AWAY WITH
BY SULLIVAN

Makes 80 Per Cent Average in Second Meet—Marksmen of Real Ability Will Be Developed

The recently-organized gun club of this city held its second shoot Thursday afternoon on the grounds, east of Camp Sychar. A great deal of interest is being displayed by sportsmen of Mt. Vernon in connection with this new organization and a large crowd attended the shoot.

The scores ran from 1 out of 25 shots to 20 of the 25 chances to score.

Max Sullivan made the highest score of the afternoon by breaking 20 "birds" in 25 shots.

The scores follow:

Sullivan—20.

Dr. Singrey—19.

Dr. Colonel Gray—17.

G. R. Smith—14.

Fred Harris—13.

Dr. C. M. Gray—12.

Clerks of Courts Taylor—10.

Sheriff Woolson—4.

Fred Cotton—1.

The scores are based on 25 shots. The shoot commenced at 1:30 o'clock, but in the future it is planned to hold them at 2:30 in order to enable more people to attend. The club, while yet in its infancy, shows bright prospects of developing several marksmen of real ability.

STEEL FILINGS

ENTERS WEIBLE'S EYE—INJURY
VERY PAINFUL

While working on a lathe at the shops of the Ohio Fuel Supply company on West Gambler street Friday morning Edward Weible was struck in the face by a mass of steel filings and several small pieces of metal entered his eyes.

The injury was very painful and Weible was hurried to the office of a physician where the particles were removed. The injuries are not serious.

NORM ESTABLISHED

FOR LIME BARRELS—ASHBROOK
ONE OF CONFEREES

Washington, July 28—The conferees on the standard lime barrel legislation, of whom Representative Ashbrook is one, reached an agreement today.

A standard small barrel is to contain 180 pounds net and a standard large barrel 280 pounds net and each must have the exact contents stenciled or otherwise clearly marked on the head of the barrel, together with the name of the manufacturer, place where manufactured and, if imported, the name of the country from which it came.

MARSHALL HOBBS

SHAKES OFFICIAL FETTERS—
TIRED OF JOB

(Utica Herald.)

William Hobbs tendered his resignation as marshal of Utica village Monday, to take effect August 1, explaining that he was tired of the job. His successor has not yet been chosen, but will be selected before the close of this month.

DEATHS

Simmons Funeral

The remains of the late Mrs. Harvey Simmons, whose death occurred at the state hospital in Columbus Thursday morning, arrived in this city Friday afternoon. The funeral Saturday afternoon at the McCormick chapel, Rev. J. A. Long officiating. The funeral services are to be private. Interment in Mound View cemetery.

Are You A Woman?

TAKE

CARDUI

The
Woman's Tonic

(Advertisement)

To the Democrats of the 17-28 Senatorial District of Ohio:

Unable to make a personal canvass of the district, I am taking this method of announcing that in conformity to the time honored Democratic Rule that "ONE GOOD TERM DESERVES ANOTHER," I am a candidate for a SECOND TERM as State Senator from the 17-28th District of Ohio, composed of Holmes, Wayne, Knox and Morrow counties.

Having completed one term as state Senator from this district with about five months actual experience in legislative duties, I am now in a position to give the people of the district the benefit of this experience.

This is the ONLY DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL DISTRICT of the State where an attempt is being made to deprive a Senator of a SECOND TERM in as much as it is universally understood that any district that limits its Senator to one term, brands him as a ONE TERMER thus depriving him of the prestige necessary for a successful legislator; handicapping him in the performance of his duties and depriving him of the opportunity for good committee appointments, all of which tend to place in jeopardy the best interests of the entire district.

Limiting your Senator to one term means that this district is constantly being represented by inexperienced men and that you elect men to the State Senate only to dismiss them when they by experience gained during one session of the General Assembly become qualified for the position.

During my first term I have tried to do my duty well and refer you to my record in the Eighty-first General Assembly.

I feel confident that after you give my cause due consideration, you will appreciate the justice of my contention not only regarding my own candidacy but with respect to the general welfare of the district as well.

If my administration of the duties of the office during my first term meets with your approval, your support and influence in my behalf at the coming primary election will be greatly appreciated. I am,

Very Truly Yours,

WILLIS HORN

Senator 17-28 District

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STANDARD OIL CO.
(Ohio)

words the maximum price of getting drunk in Newcomerstown is just nine hundred per cent higher than it was last week.

Of course \$5 will continue to be the minimum fine. Dry folks in this village are wondering just what fine Mayor Tufford will assess the next drunk.

Fred Baughman of Orrville, who has been spending several days with relatives in this city, left for Canton Saturday where he will visit with friends.

Norman W. Hopwood, linotype operator on The Banner, left Saturday afternoon for a week's visit with relatives in Frederick and Baltimore, Maryland.